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AGRICULTURAL BUDGET UP OVER 1950;
FARM CO-OPS CONTROL HALF OF FARMS, LAND

AGRICULTURE BUDGET FOR 1952 -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 3 Jan 52

The state budget of the People's Republic of Bulgaria for 1952 provides 17.8 billion leva for the development of agriculture, that is, 3 billion leva more than for 1950.

Of this sum 9.4 billion leva are provided for the construction of 25 MTS (machine tractor stations), for the procurement of 1,000 new tractors and 1,000 threshing machines, as well as for the procurement of other new machines for MTS.

This year, the mechanization of basic work of wine grape growing and other important crops, which are necessary for the TKZS (farm workers' cooperatives), will be started.

Following the Soviet example, the Bulgarian MTS will take over a great part of the management of vineyards, tobacco, cotton, beet, and potato fields, etc. Preparation of the soil for the planting of trees for forest belts and preparation for the establishment of new vineyards will be carried out exclusively by MTS.

EXPAND COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 3 Jan 52

TKZS exist in 2,649 villages. They control more than half (575,947) of all farms, and approximately one half of the total usable land is being worked by them. The average land area of TKZS has increased from 343 to 845 hectares during the last year. Up to 1 October 1952, TKZS put up 8,634 farm buildings with a total value of more than 11 billion leva. Through cooperative work in connection with mechanization and better work methods, the harvest yields of the TKZS were considerably higher than those of the individual farmers.

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